

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were presented and examined. In response to the Office Action, Claims 1 and 8 are amended, no claims are cancelled, and no claims are added. Claims 1-15 remain in the application.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, specifically as containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claims 1-7 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicants submit that the element of “plurality of buses coupled in front of the plurality of servers” has been deleted in the Response filed on July 14, 2008. Moreover, Applicants amend Claim 1 to more clearly point out that “the one of the servers increments the value of the C2S session label in the received packet by a predetermined number to generate a Server-To-Client (S2C) session label.” This limitation is supported by the specification, which describes that the value of the C2S session label is incremented, and the incremented value is used as a S2C session label (page 15 of the specification).

Claims 2-7 depend from amended Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-7 is requested.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,856,991 to Srivastava (“Srivastava”) and U.S. Patent 7,003,574 to Bahl (“Bahl”).

Applicants amend independent Claims 1 and 8 to more clearly point out that a server increments a predetermined value of the session label and a client decrements the predetermined value of the session label.

Srivastava and Bahl do not disclose these features. Rather, the system of Srivastava looks up an incoming label value in an information base to find an outgoing label, and replaces the incoming label of the frame with the outgoing label (col. 3, line 57 to col. 4, line 4). This process is repeated at each successive label switch router on the

path between the server and the client. Srivastava does not disclose a server incrementing a predetermined value of the session label sent to a client and the client decrementing the predetermined value of the session label sent to the server. Replacing a value is different from incrementing/decrementing a value. Further, Srivastava does not disclose a server and a client performing the operation of incrementing and decrementing the values of session labels. Rather, in Srivastava, the replacement of the session labels is performed by the switch routers between servers and clients.

Bahl does not supply the missing elements in Srivastava. Bahl discloses that both a sending node and a receiving node use an identical session identifier in the packets (Abstract). Bahl does not disclose that a server increments a predetermined value of the session label and a client decrements the predetermined value of the session label. Thus, Srivastava in view of Bahl does not teach or suggest each of the elements of Claims 1 and 8, as well as their respective dependent claims, namely, Claims 2-7 and 9-15.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-15 is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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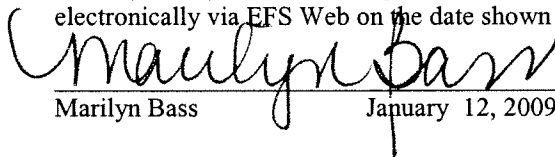
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